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The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

This policy statement addresses a conflict between A.R.S. § 8-512(A)(1) and R6-5-6004(A)(1). The Substantive Policy Statement number is 5-60P-01.

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

The Substantive Policy Statement was issued on March 29, 2004, and became effective on April 1, 2004.

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

A.R.S. § 8-512(A)(1) says:

"A. The department shall provide comprehensive medical and dental care, as prescribed by rules of the department, for each child:

1. Placed in a foster home."

However, R6-5-6004(A)(1), last amended in 1979, limits the provision of these services to "licensed" foster homes. The Department interprets A.R.S. § 8-512(A)(1) to require the Department to provide CMDP services to all children placed by the Department into a foster home, regardless of whether the foster home is a licensed or not.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

This is a new Substantive Policy Statement.

5. The name and address of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. <u>Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:</u>

A person may obtain a copy of the Substantive Policy Statement by contacting the individual listed in item #5.